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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

(1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-024027 (AGENCY OF IND SCIENCE & TECHNOL), published January 29, 1999;

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

(2) Tamaoki al, U.S. Patent No. 6,197,460, issued March 6, 2001; and

(3) *"Rewritable Full-Color Recording on a Thin Solid Film of a Cholesteric Low-Molecular-Weight Compound"*, by Nobuyuki Tamaoki, Alexander V. Parfenov, Atsushi Masaki, and Hiro Matsuda, Advanced Materials, 1997, 9, No. 14, pp. 1102-1104.

Document (2) is the counterpart U.S. application of document (1) cited above.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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